



The President's Daily Brief

~~Top Secret~~ 24 January 1968



3.5(c)

Page Denied

Page Denied

Page Denied

Page Denied

~~Top Secret~~



FOR THE PRESIDENT'S EYES ONLY

Special Daily Report on North Vietnam



~~Top Secret~~

3.5(c)

16

24 January 1968

~~TOP SECRET~~

3.5(c)

Special Daily Report on North Vietnam
for the President's Eyes Only

24 January 1968

I. NOTES ON THE SITUATION

3.3(h)(2)

* * *

More on the Phoenix: The Quaker yacht Phoenix is scheduled to make its second visit to North Vietnam during the forthcoming Tet truce period. According to press accounts and reports from the consulate

~~TOP SECRET~~

3.5(c)

~~TOP SECRET~~

3.5(c)

general in Hong Kong, six Americans and one British citizen will sail the yacht from Hong Kong on the 23rd of January, with expectations of arriving at Haiphong by noon on the 29th. The yacht is reportedly carrying \$2,500 in drugs for the Red Cross of the Liberation Front and \$5,000 in surgical supplies for the North Vietnamese Red Cross, all of which the Quakers have stipulated must be used for treating civilian victims of the war. During a press conference before embarking, Lawrence Scott, the leader of the group, stated that Hanoi had granted permission for the yacht to visit Haiphong during the Tet truce period. Permission to supervise the distribution of the donations or to travel to Hanoi was not granted, however.

In connection with the voyage of the Phoenix, Hanoi appears to be sticking to its current prohibition of foreign newsmen. John Porterfield, an American correspondent who had planned to sail with the Phoenix crew, was refused permission to make the voyage by the North Vietnamese authorities.

* * *

More Chinese Radar: The Chinese Communists have added to their early-warning radar facilities in North Vietnam.

[redacted] new Chinese radar station in the Lai Chau area of northwest North Vietnam. Two other Chinese stations are located in the Yen Bai and Dien Bien Phu areas.

3.3(h)(2)

All of these stations and two others in China are controlled by an air defense sector headquarters and filter center near Mengtzu. The sector, in turn, reports directly to the Kunming Air District headquarters. In recent months, China has made a number of improvements in its air defenses, apparently focused on the northwest Sino - North Vietnamese border.

* * *

Chinese Antiaircraft Unit Rotation: The Chinese Communist 64th Antiaircraft Division, located at Yen Bai, was replaced by an unidentified unit from the Nanking Military Region on 20 January. This

~~TOP SECRET~~

3.5(c)

~~TOP SECRET~~

3.5(c)

replacement completes the rotation cycle for the Chinese antiaircraft units in the Yen Bai and Lang Son areas. The next rotation--for the units at Hanoi and Thai Nguyen--should come in about three months.

* * *

II. NORTH VIETNAMESE REFLECTIONS OF US POLITICAL ATTITUDES ON THE WAR

Nothing of significance to report.

~~TOP SECRET~~

3.5(c)

~~*Top Secret*~~